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IN VACATION.

Position of the Bar.—When Lincoln was still an insignificant country lawyer he had occasion to travel to a small town to take charge of a case. It was a drive of some 14 miles from the railroad station to the town inn where he was to spend the night. Wet and chilled to the bone he arrived at last, but to his dismay found only a small fire built in the grate while standing about it so as to exclude the heat from the traveler were the other lawyers interested in the case.

At length one of the group turned to Lincoln.

"Pretty cold, eh?" he asked.

"Yes," replied Lincoln, "as cold as it is hot in Hades."

"Ever been to Hades, stranger?" asked another.

"Yes," replied Lincoln, solemnly.

This raised a faint smile among the other lawyers.

"What does it look like there?" they asked.

"Very much like this," said Lincoln, dryly; "all the lawyers nearest the fire."—Chicago Herald.

Means of Assent.—In a suit brought by an architect against the late Mrs. Paran Stevens, Joseph H. Choate spoke for the plaintiff and dwelt upon the lady's origin and her rise in the social world, concluding thus: "At last the arm of royalty was bent to receive her gloved hand. How, gentlemen, did she attain this eminence? Upon a mountain of unpaid bills!"—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

BOOK REVIEW.

All book reviews are by the Editor-in-Chief unless otherwise expressly stated.

Lawyers Reports Annotated, 1917C. Burdette A. Rich, Henry P. Farnham and George H. Parmale, Editors, assisted by the Publishers Editorial Staff. The Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Company, Rochester, New York. 1917. Price \$5.00.

We find the usual number of important cases well annotated in this volume. Amongst the notes which seem to us to be of unusual value is the one on page 9 as to the "Sale or Mortgage of Future or Growing Crops." On page 150 as to the "Effect of Defects or Omission in Copy of Writ or Process Delivered to Person Served."

On page 213 the pig is a subject of annotation and those who are interested in learning whether the keeping of that animal is a nuisance or not will find a valuable note on the subject. Page 243 upon the "Validity of Regulations as to Milk" is also interesting. The question as to "Construction and Effect of Provisions in an Insurance Policy against Keeping Prohibited Articles" is annotated at some length on page 278. On page 306 is quite a lengthy note on the "Admissibility of Parol Evidence to Show that a Bill or Note was Delivered upon Condition." On page 344 is a note upon quite a novel subject, as to "Mis-statement as to Income of Insured in an Accident Policy." We find one Virginia case annotated—that of Parish v. Merchants & Mechanics Savings Bank, as to the "Effect of Deposit of Funds Belonging to the Depositor in a Bank Account in the Name of Himself and Another." On page 619 is a note as to "Duty of Seller to Disclose Defect in an Animal." On page 662 is an extended note of peculiar value at this time—"The Effect of War on Contracts with Alien Enemies." On page 692 is a note as to "Whether it is Contributory Negligence to Attempt to Cross in Front of an Observed Street Car." On page 971 is a note on "Duty of Railroad Company in Page 25 to a Page 24 to a Page 25 to 1971. of Railroad Company in Respect to a Restored or Substituted Highway," which is of some novelty and decided value.

These are but a sample of the excellent notes to the well-selected

cases in this volume.

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